Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) An image management system comprising a digital camera and an image recording apparatus, wherein the digital camera comprises:

an imaging unit which images an object to output first image

5   data;

a first storage which stores the first image data output from the imaging unit;

an instructing unit which issues an instruction to perform a predetermined process for the first image data stored in the

10   first storage;

a first processing unit which performs [[a]] the predetermined process for at least one item of the first image data stored in the first storage in response to the instruction issued by the instructing unit; and

15   a transmitter which transmits a request [[for]] to the image recording apparatus to perform the predetermined process for image data corresponding to the first image data in response to the instruction issued by the instructing unit to the image recording apparatus, and

20   wherein the image recording apparatus comprises:

a second storage which stores second image data corresponding to the first image data before a time when the

instructing unit issues the instruction ~~including an item of data~~

~~whose contents are identical to contents of an item of the first~~

25   ~~image data stored in the first storage~~; and

        a second processing unit which performs the

predetermined process for ~~an item of~~ the second image data ~~which~~

that is included in total image data stored in the second storage

and that corresponds to ~~whose contents are identical to the~~

30   ~~contents of the at least one item of~~ the first image data, when

~~stored in the first storage to which the predetermined process is~~

~~performed based on~~ the request transmitted from the transmitter

is received.

        2.   (Currently Amended) The image management system

according to claim 1, wherein the second processing unit

comprises:

        a retrieving unit which retrieves ~~the item of~~ the second

5   image data ~~which~~ that is stored in the second storage, ~~and whose~~

~~contents are identical to the contents of the at least one item~~

~~of the first image data stored in the first storage to which the~~

~~predetermined process is performed~~ and

        a processor which performs the predetermined process for ~~the~~

10   ~~retrieved item of~~ the second image data.

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3.   (Currently Amended) The image management system according to claim 1, wherein the image recording apparatus comprises a <u>second</u> transmitter which transmits information indicating completion of the predetermined process to the digital

5   camera, and wherein the digital camera comprises a receiver which receives the information indicating <u>the</u> completion of the predetermined process.

4.   (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:

an imaging unit which images an object to output first image data;

a storage which stores the first image data output from the

5   imaging unit;

<u>a communication controller which communicates with an image recording apparatus that stores second image data corresponding to the first image data</u>;

<u>an instructing unit which issues an instruction to perform a</u>

10   <u>predetermined process for the first image data stored in the storage</u>;

a processing unit which performs [[a]] <u>the</u> predetermined process for <s>at least one item of</s> the first image data <u>stored in the storage in response to the instruction issued by the</u>

15   <u>instructing unit</u>; and

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a transmitter which transmits, to the image recording apparatus that is communicated with the communication controller, a request ~~for the predetermined process to an external device to cause the external device~~ to perform the predetermined process for ~~an item of~~ the second image data corresponding to ~~which is stored in the external device and whose contents are identical to contents of the at least one item of~~ the first image data ~~to which the predetermined process is performed by the processing unit.~~

5.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 4, wherein the request comprises a command for specifying the predetermined process and an identification for specifying ~~the at least one item of~~ the first image data ~~to~~ for which the predetermined process is performed by the processing unit.

6.   (Original) The digital camera according to claim 5, wherein the identification comprises an image file name.

7.   (Original) The digital camera according to claim 4, wherein the predetermined process comprises a deletion process.

8.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 4, further comprising a selector which selects ~~one item of~~

the first image data stored in the storage, and wherein said

processing unit performs the predetermined process for the

5   selected ~~one item of the~~ first image data stored in the storage.

9.   (Original) The digital camera according to claim 4,

further comprising a mode setter which sets a predetermined

process mode, and wherein the transmitter transmits the request

when the predetermined process mode is set and the processing

5   unit performs the predetermined process.

10.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to

claim 4, further comprising:

a mode setup unit which sets one of a first process mode and

a second process mode;

5   ~~an instructing unit which instructs the processing unit to~~

~~perform the predetermined process;~~

a first unit which, when the mode setup unit sets the first

process mode and the instructing unit instructs performing of the

predetermined process, allows the processing unit to perform the

10   predetermined process, and allows the transmitter to transmit the

request; and

a second unit which, when the mode setup unit sets the

second process mode and the instructing unit instructs performing

of the predetermined process, allows the processing unit to

15   perform the predetermined process, and

    wherein the transmitter transmits the request to the image

recording apparatus even when the image recording apparatus is

connected to the digital camera without the communication

controller.

    11.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to

claim 4, further comprising:

    a determining unit which determines whether ~~or not~~ the

digital camera is electrically connected to the ~~external device~~

5   image recording apparatus,

    wherein the transmitter transmits the request to the

~~external device~~ image recording apparatus when the determining

unit determines that the digital camera is electrically connected

to the ~~external device~~ image recording apparatus.

    12.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to

claim 11, further comprising a notifying unit which notifies no

electrical connection when the determining unit determines that

the digital camera is not electrically connected to the ~~external~~

5   ~~device~~ image recording apparatus.

13.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 11, further comprising a processor which performs an electric connection process between the digital camera and the ~~external device~~ image recording apparatus when the determining

5   unit determines that the digital camera is not electrically connected to the ~~external device~~ image recording apparatus.

14.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 4, ~~further an~~ wherein the instructing unit ~~which~~ instructs the processing unit to perform the predetermined process and instructs the transmitter to transmit the request.

15.   (Original) The digital camera according to claim 14, further comprising a canceling unit which cancels transmission of the request instructed by the instructing unit.

Claim 16   (Canceled).

17.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 4, wherein the transmitter transmits the request to the ~~external device~~ image recording apparatus via a communication cable.

18.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 4, wherein the transmitter transmits the request to the ~~external device~~ image recording apparatus wirelessly ~~via wireless communications~~.

19.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 4, wherein the transmitter transmits the request to the ~~external device~~ image recording apparatus via a communication network.

20.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 4, further comprising a second storage which stores transmission destination information for specifying the ~~external device~~ image recording apparatus, wherein the transmitter transmits the request to ~~an external device~~ the image recording apparatus specified by the transmission destination stored in the second storage.

21.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 4, wherein the ~~external device~~ image recording apparatus comprises a personal computer.

22. (Currently Amended) An image management method for an image management system comprising a digital camera and an image recording apparatus, the method comprising:

issuing an instruction to perform a predetermined process

5   for first image data stored in the digital camera;

performing ~~a~~ the predetermined process for ~~at least one item~~ ~~of~~ the first image data stored in the digital camera in response to the issued instruction;

transmitting a request to the image recording apparatus to

10   perform ~~for~~ the predetermined process for image data corresponding to the first image data in response to the issued instruction ~~to the image recording apparatus~~; and

performing the predetermined process for ~~an item of~~ second image data which is included in image data stored in the image

15   recording apparatus, and ~~identical~~ which corresponds to ~~the at~~ ~~least one item of~~ the first image data, when ~~stored in the~~ ~~digital camera to which the predetermined process is performed~~ ~~based on~~ the transmitted request is received by the image recording apparatus,

20   wherein the second image data corresponding to the first image data is stored in the image recording apparatus before a time when the instruction to perform the predetermined process for the first image data is issued.

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23. (Currently Amended) An image processing method for a digital camera, the method comprising:

communicating with an image recording apparatus that stores second image data corresponding to first image data stored in the
5   digital camera;

issuing an instruction to perform a predetermined process for the first image data stored in the digital camera;

performing ~~a~~ the predetermined process for ~~at least one item of~~ the first image data stored in the digital camera in response
10   to the issued instruction; and

transmitting, to the image recording apparatus with which the communication is performed, a request ~~to an external device, the request to cause the external device~~ to perform the predetermined process for ~~an item of~~ the second image data
15   corresponding to ~~which is stored in the external device and is identical to the at least one item of~~ the first image data ~~stored in the digital camera to which the predetermined process is performed~~.

24. (New) The image management system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second instructing unit which issues an instruction to perform the predetermined process for the first image data stored

5   in the first storage when the image recording apparatus is

connected to the digital camera; and

a determination unit which determines whether the

predetermined process is to be performed in a first mode or a

second mode based on the instruction issued by the second

10   instructing unit, and

wherein the transmitter: (i) transmits the request to the

image recording apparatus when the second instructing unit issues

the instruction and the determination unit determines that the

predetermined process is to be performed in the first mode, and

15   (ii) does not transmit the request to the image recording

apparatus when the second instructing unit issues the instruction

and when the determination unit determines that the predetermined

process is to be performed in the second mode, even when the

image recording apparatus is connected to the digital camera.

25.   (New) The digital camera according to claim 4, wherein:

the instructing unit arbitrarily selects an item of the

first image data for which the predetermined process is to be

performed;

5   the processing unit performs the predetermined process for

the item of the first image data selected by the instructing

unit; and

the transmitter transmits a request to perform the

predetermined process for an item of the second image data which

10   is stored in the image recording apparatus and which corresponds

to the item of the first image data selected by the instructing

unit.